

Environmental Planning

Environmental review and documentation is an integral part of the transportation planning process and focuses on the avoidance, minimization, and mitigation of adverse effects on the natural and human environment.

All MCDOT planning projects and Transportation Improvement Program projects are evaluated for social, economic, and environmental impacts that may result from the construction and operation of a potential capital improvement project. MCDOT projects occurring on or adjacent to federally owned land, or constructed using federal funds or grant monies follow the formal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) guidelines. Environmental clearances are conducted concurrently with Design Concept Reports (DCRs).

Transportation corridor studies and candidate assessment reports (CARs) include environmental overviews to identify environmental issues and concerns prior to projects being placed in the TIP.



Early in the DCR and design processes, programmed projects are analyzed for environmental effects in accordance with local, state and federal regulations. If environmental impacts are identified, they are properly evaluated and when required, mitigated either prior to or during the construction phase of the project.

